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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

It is my opinion that the Microsoft anti-trust case be resolved as soon as possible. Its harmful side effects are already becoming evident in our slowing economy. In any case this lawsuit was wrong to begin with. The settlement that was reached last November should be implemented as fast as possible so that this matter can be put behind us.

This settlement does not let Microsoft off easy, though it fair and reasonable. It should be more than Microsoft's competitors ever hoped for. Under this settlement, Microsoft has agreed to terms that extend to products and business practices that were not even at issue in the original lawsuit. Additionally, they will have access to source codes and interfaces that are internal to Windows operating system products. There are many more restrictions and obligation within this settlement, and all of them will be subject to the oversight of a Technical Committee, which will monitor Microsoft's compliance.

Put simply this settlement is good. The settlement should be implemented as soon as possible. The settlement is more than adequate to satisfy the requirements of the lawsuit. The settlement provides the first opportunity to resolve this fiasco. Please direct your efforts towards accomplishing this goal. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Michael Bielowski

cc: Senator Rick Santorum